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## [Despatch Abstract.]

QUININE : FREE DISTRIBUTION IN RURAL AREAS : FIELD DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS AND GAZETTED OFFICERS OF THE PROHIBITION DEPARTMENT : EMPOWERED TO EXERCISE SUPERVISION.

No.F1.1/48.Q
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Health.

New Delhi, the 29th May 1948.

From

J.N. Saksena, Esquire, B.A.,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department, Madras.

Sub: QUININE A Distribution of - in rural areas.

Sir,

I am directed to forward an extract from the minutes of an Inter-departmental Conference on quinine policy held on 23rd April 1948 under the auspices of this Ministry for such action as may be considered necessary by the Provincial Government. This Ministry may be informed of the action taken in this regard.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J.N. SAKSENA.
Assistant Secretary.

Extracts from the minutes of the Conference held on quinine policy on the 23rd April 1948.

Questions relating to the distributon of quinine, particularly in the rural areas, were also discussed, It was pointed out that, without a large-scale expansion of health services, distribution on a satisfactory basis would be difficult. Some years ago the Government of India made a large grant of quinine to the provinces on the condition that the drug was to be distributed free to the rural population. The experience of that scheme was that, owing to unsatisfactory control over distribution, some proportion of the quinine thus distributed was reported to have found its way into the markets of a few of the larger cities in the country. Quinine distribution, unless it is developed on a sound basis, is likely to result not only in loss of money to Government but also in failure to secure the main purpose in view, namely, that of making the drug available to the people, particularly in rural areas, for prevantive and curative purposes.

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Existing methods of distributing quinine, particularly in the rural areas, require careful investigation and suitable rectification, wherever necessary.

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QUININE - Free distribution in rural areas - Firka Development Officers and Gazetted Officers of the Prohibition Department - Empowered to exercise supervision.

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Education and Public Health Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 1046 P.H. Dated, the 25th March 1949

READ - the following:-

From the Government of India, Ministry of Health, Letter No. F1-1/48-Q dated 29th May 1948.
From the Surgeon-General, Ref: No. 4802-2-A2 dated the 23rd June 1948.
From the Director of Public Health, L.Dis. No.38934-1-Mal. dated the 15th June 1948.
From the Director, Cinchona, Rc. No. 1873-A2/48 dated the 30th July 1948.
From the Surgeon-General, No. 48023-3-M2 dated the 23rd August 1948.
From the Director of Public Health, L.Dis. No. 57883-1-Mal. dated the 9th September 1948.
From the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Letter No.CR-127/28/48.X3 dated the 5th January 1949.
From the Board of Revenue, C.R. No. 44594/Abk/48-G dated the 27th January 1949.
From the Inspector-General of Police, Rc. No. 5/SA/49 dated the 11th February 1949.
From the Board of Revenue, D.No. 316/Abk dated 19th February 1949.

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ORDER:

With a view to exercise efficient control over the system of free distribution of quinine in rural areas it has been suggested that the Gazetted Officers of the Prohibition Department including amelioration branch and Firka Development Officers in the Firka Development Department may also be empowered to supervise the work of free quinine distribution. The Government agree with the above suggestion and empower the Gazetted Officers in the Prohibition Department (both in the ameliorative and enforcement branches) and the Firka Development Officers in the Firka Development Department to exercise supervision over the work of free distribution of quinine in rural areas under their respective jurisdiction. They should bring to the notice of the Health Officers concerned any defects noticed by them in the work of free distribution of quinine.

2. The Director of Public Health is requested to issue necessary instructions to the subordinate officers of his Department to provide the necessary facilities to enable the officers referred to in paragraph 1 above to discharge the duties entrusted to them.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

J.M. LOBO PRABHU
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Health.
To the Surgeon-General.
To the Director, Cinchona Department.
To the Inspector-General of Police.
To the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
To the Board of Revenue.
Copy to Revenue Department.
Copy to Home Department.
Copy to Development Department.
Copy to Firka Development Department.
Copy to Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Health, New Delhi.

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Educational and Public Health Department.

Letter No.60616-E1/48.10.P.H. Fort St. George, Dated, the 5th April 1949.

From

J.M. Lobo Prabhu, Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Health, NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: QUININE - Distribution of - in rural areas.

Adverting to Mr. J.N. Saksena's letter No.F1-1-/48-Q dated the 29th May 1948 on the subject cited, I am directed to enclose for your information a copy of the following orders passed by this Government on the subject:

(1) G.O. No. 1046 P.H. dated the 25th March 1949
(2) G.O. No. 225 P.H. dated the 18th January 1949.

Yours faithfully,

JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

/True copy/

Superintendent,
Madras Record Office, Egmore.

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